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Politicians disappointed with AMO report

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County politicians are panning the final report from the steering committee on OPP costs compiled by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

The 43-page report, released April 10, ultimately recommends the province stick with the proposed per household billing model set to come into effect in 2015, or a variation on such, using a combination weighted assessment/per household metric.

The proposed per household framework attempts to equalize OPP costs throughout the province on a per household basis, with the average payment anticipated at \$369 per household.

For Haliburton County, the adoption of the model would mean a rise in its collective annual policing costs from approximately \$3.3 to approximately \$8.5 million, equating to tax increases of between 20 and 36 per cent amongst its townships.

With 190 of the more than 300 municipalities policed by the OPP being negatively impacted, AMO assembled a steering committee on the issue.

Meeting throughout February and March, it consisted of 15 municipal leaders from throughout the province, some from municipalities that would face costs increases and others that would see significant reductions.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid was the representative for Haliburton County, which

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Jaguars take third in zone tournament

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Jaguars player Brittany Imasuen drives to the basket during the Intermediate Girls Zone Basketball Tournament on Tuesday, April 8 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. The Jaguars defeated Archie Stouffer Elementary School for third place. **Darren Lum** Staff

Armatec won't fight council at OMB

Jenn Watt
Editor

Armatec Survivability, the company hoping to create an armour-testing site in Harcourt, has decided to take their plans to another community.

Following a rejection of their request to amend the Dysart et al official plan to allow equipment testing on the 2,300-acre property on Elephant Lake Road, it was speculated the company might appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

On Thursday, April 10, the project's planner Heather Sadler announced Armatec would not be pursuing the project further.

"[CEO] Karl [Pfister] said that he didn't want to go where he wasn't wanted," said Sadler in an interview with the paper.

"I feel badly that he never got a chance to explain what was really happening."

Pfister had proposed council defer its decision to allow his company to make a business case for the property and alleviate some of the concerns.

Councillors said they didn't want to defer the decision and on March 24 voted unanimously to deny the official plan and zoning amendments.

"We don't feel like we have the support of the Benoir Lake community," Councillor Steve Pogue said at the time. "That's the reason we recommended this file be denied and that's still my position."

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Food centre to be built onto Lloyd Watson Centre

➤ Addition to public building would be more than a food bank, include educational programming

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the April 8 meeting of Highlands East council.

A proposal to build a food bank addition onto the municipal building brought smiles to councillors in Highlands East.

The concept was brought forth by John Teljeur and Ken Mott, who oversees the Wilberforce food bank.

The food bank is without a permanent home, which led to this proposal.

The idea is to build more than a food bank, but a food centre complete with an educational component, said Teljeur.

“It would better serve the people of Highlands East as a whole,” he said.

Ideally the facility would include extra storage space and walk-in refrigerators.

The proposal includes building the centre onto the

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It would better serve the people of Highlands East as a whole.

— John Teljeur

municipal building, with space for an office, multiple shelving units and a receiving area.

This would help accommodate donations of fresh produce, which in turn would benefit those who rely on the food bank.

As it stands no food bank within Haliburton County can take large amounts of fresh food, said Teljeur, who is on the board of directors of the Ontario Association of Food Banks.

He pointed to other areas and programs, such as Perth's Shopping Buddies, as good examples of innovative ideas to help educate those who use food banks.

“The problem is right now, if you gave people healthier food, they wouldn't know what to do with it, in a lot of cases,” said Teljeur. “It's not just about getting them the food, it's also about giving them the skills.”

Haliburton and Minden both have community kitchen programs in place, which could be expanded to the eastern part of the county, if the right facility was in place.

“This is an area that really needs that kind of support,” he said.

The proposal is meant to be a partnership with the municipality, with plans to secure Ontario Trillium Foundation funding, said Teljeur.

Mott told councillors he is running around the municipality to deliver food donations to residents and it would be nice to have a permanent location.

Council passed a resolution to support the proposal brought forward and to pursue funding opportunities.

Dysart expands fire protection partnership

The Dysart fire department has agreed to extend its coverage further into Highlands East, to help out in the Goo-

derham area.

The agreement is needed due to a lack of firefighters available in the municipality, said fire chief Bill Wingrove.

“There are no jobs here,” said the fire chief, adding many of the full-time residents work out of town or on the road during the week.

The new arrangement will see Dysart respond to fires and motor vehicle accidents along Glamorgan Road up to Alsop Road. Anything past that point will be the responsibility of Highlands East, according to Wingrove.

The expanded partnership will continue to fall under mutual aid, said Wingrove.

Municipality to recognize seniors in June

Highlands East will be celebrating seniors during the month of June, with plans to host a seniors day on June 10.

The idea came from Reeve Dave Burton, who thought it would be a nice initiative to honour seniors with a special event hosted at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

This June will mark the 30th anniversary of Seniors Month, an initiative of the government of Ontario.

Details of the Highlands East event are still being finalized.

Councillors support campus closure resolution

Highlands East is supporting a resolution passed by the municipality of North Grenville, urging the provincial government to suspend the closure of the University of Guelph's Kemptville campus.

Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge voiced her interest in supporting the resolution, as the campus closure would have a devastating impact on agricultural studies, specifically for northern communities.

According to the resolution, the University of Guelph announced the closure of the Kemptville campus this past March.

A letter to the editor from local farmer Godfrey Tyler ran in the *Haliburton County Echo* late last month, where he wrote “the closing of the Kemptville campus, a pillar of agriculture in eastern Ontario, exposes the extreme vulnerability and the lack of respect local food is afforded by senior government politicians and academics.”

Councillors voted unanimously in favour of supporting the resolution.

‘I feel badly that the municipality missed out on an opportunity’

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Reeve Murray Fearrey did not vote, citing a conflict of interest.

Council opinion regarding the proposal seemed to change over time, influenced by the heavy public pressure against the project.

Local cottagers and residents came out to an open house and a public meeting and voiced their concerns that the project would not be in the spirit of a tourism area that mostly houses resorts and private cottages.

The blasting sounds, chance of hurting area wildlife and pressure on area roads due to the weight of tanks coming to and from the property were some of the issues people had.

Sadler said these concerns weren't based in truth and wishes she and Pfister had been able to further plead their case to council.

“We really were hopeful that we could get enough people to understand what was going on,” she said.

Pfister and Sadler had always maintained that only a small portion – about the size of a football field – would be used in the vast property with almost no impact on environment and wildlife. They also said between five and 15 “full-time, well paid local jobs” would have been created.

Recently, a few other communities have expressed interest in Armatec's proposal, Sadler said, and they would be pursuing new venues.

Meanwhile, the largest part of the 2,300-acre proposal (a

1,750-acre package) has been listed for sale for \$1.8 million.




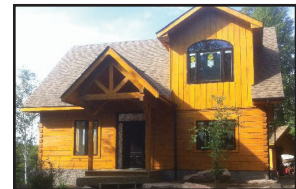



“Yes, we're disappointed, but life goes on and we'll have to go elsewhere,” said Sadler, who is the principal and senior planner for Lakefield-based EcoVue Consulting Services.

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— Planner Heather Sadler
on the next steps for Armatec

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Councillors encourage residents to speak out

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would be the second-most adversely affected municipality in the province, next only to the District of Muskoka.

Reid lambasted both the report and the committee process.

"I cannot support the AMO steering committee report because the two models recommended to the government are flawed," she wrote in an email to the paper. "In fact, I think the entire process was flawed because the committee was never presented with any facts to support the going-in hypothesis that some municipalities are paying too much and others are paying too little."

The actual costs of local policing have so far proven impossible to ascertain. When county councillors asked OPP reps during a March meeting how much it cost to operate the local detachment, officers were unable to produce a figure, with expenses spread out through various budgets, cost recovery formulas and government departments.

Councillors have repeatedly called the per household model flawed (it incorporates seasonal residences, but not commercial properties) and Reid has repeatedly criticized a lack of evidence for its adoption.

"At some point in time, a decision was made to use per household as the metric and we were offered no explanation as to how this was determined to be the 'best' way to measure relative policing costs," the reeve wrote. "Several members of the steering committee tried to open this up for discussion, but we were consistently shut down by some members in the room, most of whom had the most to gain from using the per household metric."

Reid has said it was difficult for leaders from the losing townships to make their voices heard throughout the committee process, with some even walking out of meetings.

"The other process flaw is that no actual cost implications of the various models were shared with the committee," Reid continued. "Haliburton County staff assembled actual current and proposed financial implications based on the 73/27 per household billing model and made this available to AMO staff. It was not shared with steering committee members."

The proposed model is weighted 73 per cent for base policing costs – or about \$260 per household – and 27 per cent for per call service, an amount that will vary depending on the number of calls in an area.

Councillors took part in an online info session with AMO reps Friday afternoon in which they said the process was intentionally done blindly (without using real costs) for the sake of fairness.

"Without demonstrating the actual financial implications of the various models, how can anyone fully understand the impact?" Reid wrote. "It's the same process flaw that took place during the consultation process last

year."

The new model was first introduced in May of 2013, with surveys sent to municipalities asking for feedback on four potential models. It wasn't until November that costs – the province has released nothing more than the estimated per household average – were revealed.

Reid believes the committee should have examined models using 100 per cent weighted assessment, 100 per cent permanent population, or a combination of the two.

The RCMP bases its costing on permanent population, a method that has been advocated for by the county's treasurer.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, who has called the proposed billing model the single most negative event for the county he's seen in his 40 years in municipal politics, says the province must make municipalities' ability to pay a consideration.

"To say the least, the AMO's OPP billing report was disappointing," Fearrey wrote in an email. "I have difficulty understanding how anyone could believe this proposal is a fair and transparent billing method. This report recommends mitigation and other tinkering in an attempt to sell a flawed proposal funding."

The report recommends that phased mitigation funding be offered to negatively impacted municipalities over a period of four years.

"The [provincial government] that created the model to start with has full responsibility to heed the auditor general's statement to consider the user's ability to pay," Fearrey wrote.

A 2012 report from the auditor general laid out a series of recommendations for OPP costing, including the creation of a new, more transparent billing.

A proposed model does not incorporate a number of these recommendations, including the elimination of 12-hour shifts, which drives up overtime.

Fearrey pointed out that a per household metric is not used for other provincial billing or funding arrangements with municipalities.

"Seasonal properties continue to be weighted the same as year-round residents," he wrote. "Admittedly, they do generate calls, however, it is people who generate calls typically. It would appear when a good portion of the population is not in the county, there should at least be a reduction factored in."

Some 60 per cent of residences in the county are seasonal.

"It is the government of the day that needs

to be held responsible for implementation," Fearrey continued. "They own it. Prolonging the agony by mitigation over whatever number of years does not deal with the problem."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt noted that some of council's initial concerns were included, although not necessarily addressed, in the AMO report.

"Those concerns are the inclusion of commercial and industrial properties, a weighted assessment option and ensuring that mitigation funding is separate from OMPF (Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding)," Moffatt wrote in an email. "However, the per household calculation is still a bad idea that no one has been able to satisfactorily explain. Remember, we can't pass on the cost with a bill to each property owner so when we include increased policing costs into our budget deliberations, it gets calculated back out through the tax rate and MPAC so the waterfront property owners will again bear the burden."

Moffatt expects the end result will be significant tax increases within the county, even with mitigation funding.

"Depending on the amounts, we will have to raise taxes or consider cutting programs and services, neither of which option fosters growth, success or good relations," she wrote. "I feel that AMO could have done a better job of informing members of what exactly was going on instead of expecting us to read between the lines of press releases, which is what I was told. As well, they have to appreciate that the confidentiality they had to retain is seen as secrecy."

Committee members such as Reid were prohibited from sharing details of committee proceedings with their councils. "They have to appreciate that an awful lot of membership-paying municipalities are not happy whatsoever with a process that was generated by a group of mayors who are now known to be 'winners,' or with a survey process that was poorly communicated or executed."

The reeve was unimpressed with some of the answers provided to councillors by the AMO Friday.

"That we couldn't get a simple yes or no answer to the webinar question about whether or not steering committee members were in agreement with the recommendations is disappointing," Moffatt wrote.

When that question was posed, an AMO rep responded that the committee, "really wanted to see if there was a common ground that can be achieved."

The report also suggested bringing the steering committee back to discuss implementation details with the province, as well as the creation of a new committee to deal with ongoing issues, including the "modernization of policing."

"I hope the new committee being formed will be more inclusive than this one and that members will not be under the same gag order – and what does 'modernization of policing' mean, anyway?" Moffatt wrote. "Whatever the next steps are need to be communicated much more clearly – looking at 'policing costs' is very different than 'billing reform' and to me, that was the crux of the communication breakdown that led to the mad scramble we've been involved in for the last six months."

Like his colleagues, Highlands East Reeve and County Warden Dave Burton told the paper he was extremely disappointed in the outcome of the AMO process.

Burton had recently been in touch with his counterpart for the District of Muskoka, where collective annual policing costs would rise from \$9.7 to \$17 million under the per household figure.

"They haven't approached this quite as aggressively as we have," Burton said, noting that within Muskoka, some lower-tier townships are winners, while others would see large cost increases.

The warden believed that joining the county in its lobbying efforts against the proposed formula would be discussed by Muskoka politicians later this month.

The City of Kawartha Lakes, which would also be walloped by the formula, has formed a five-member committee to deal with the billing issue and will be partnering with the county on its efforts.

The county is organizing a day of action for May 1, and is encouraging all residents to email or call the province regarding the issue, or take to Twitter with the hashtag #OPPMay-day.

The county has a section on its website dedicated to OPP billing, with sample letters to the province at <http://haliburtoncounty.ca/proposed-opp-billing-model>.


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Volunteers recognized for helping with health in the Highlands

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

In many ways they keep the hearts in the Highlands beating.

Hundreds of volunteers donate their time and talents to the many branches of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and they were recognized last week during National Volunteer Week.

The spring-themed Volunteer Appreciation Night held at the Haliburton Legion included a buffet dinner, live music and words of thanks by many of the HHHS staff.

HHHS president and CEO Varouj Eskedjian told the room he began volunteering at a young age by coaching his sister's soccer team.

Years later while he was attending university Eskedjian became a candy striper at Sick Kids hospital in Toronto.

"That really taught me about real need," he said.

When the CEO decided to pursue a career in health care he didn't stop his volunteer

efforts, recognizing how important giving back was.

Those who give their time to HHHS are bettering the community, said Eskedjian.

"It's with efforts like yours that the community of Haliburton County has benefited," he said. "I think this evening is really about thanking you on behalf of the community."

The 14th annual event pointed to the good works done by both the Haliburton and Minden auxiliaries, the HHHS Foundation, the HHHS board of directors, long-term care volunteers, palliative care volunteers, SIRCH and more.

A framed giclee print of *Miners Bay Church* by local artist Shelley Beach was awarded to volunteer Jane Jaycock, who was seated in the winning chair.

Right, caterer Joyce Wright carves the roast beef at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Volunteer Appreciation Night. The dinner recognized the more than 100 volunteers who support many branches of the county's health services organizations.



Local artist Shelley Beach, left, and Jane Jaycock share a laugh before Beach hands over her framed giclee print to Jaycock. The volunteer won the print, titled *Miners Bay Church*, by sitting in the winning chair at the event.



Local musician Phil McMahon, centre, and friends serenade the crowd at the 14th annual event, which recognizes the efforts of those who give their time and talents to one of the many branches of health services in the area, whether it be the auxiliaries, the foundation, palliative care or long-term care. **Photos by Angelica Blenich**

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Haliburton County plans for growth

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

According to Ontario's finance ministry, Haliburton County's population is projected to grow by more than 4,300 people between now and 2036, bringing it to approximately 21,420.

This will require the construction of 1,910 additional housing units.

Councillors on the planning committee reviewed the second draft of a growth management strategy for the county during an April 9 meeting.

One of the main recommendations of the strategy is that the amount of medium- and high-density housing be increased.

Currently, 95 per cent of housing in the municipality –

6,580 units – is comprised of the low-density variety while five per cent – 375 units – is of medium- or high-density.

Fifty-three per cent of housing in the latter category is in Dysart et al, 32 per cent in Minden Hills and 15 per cent in Highlands East.

The desired housing mix for 2036 laid out by the strategy from planning firm MHBC is 90 per cent low-density and 10 per cent medium- and high-density.

With the increased population, this would mean a total of 7,978 low-density and 887 medium- and high-density units.

The average household size for the county is expected to remain at 2.3 people and there is space in the county's current settlement areas for the projected growth.

The anticipated population growth will require the creation of 1,770 jobs by 2036.

It is also recommended the county include a growth management section in its official plan.



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— *Growth management strategy (draft)*
Ontario Finance Ministry

County looks at EODP grants for tourism initiatives

➤ Councillors hoping to partner with Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, Abbey Gardens and the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during county committee meetings on April 9.

The county will be applying to the Eastern Ontario Development Program for funding for two tourism initiatives.

One would look to develop the three pillars of the county's tourism marketing strategy, those being outdoor adventure, food and arts and culture.

While the county would be the body applying for the grant, it would be looking to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, Abbey Gardens and the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council as lead partners.

The partners would be required to make a financial contribution to the application and demonstrate how their projects would help create jobs.

Job creation is now a requirement of the program.

There was concern among some councillors that the project may become a make-work one for the county, which is not the intention.

The second initiative would hire a consultant to develop a county-wide trails master plan.

County denounces agricultural college closure

Councillors supported a letter from the

Municipality of North Grenville to the province protesting the closure of Kemptville College. Part of the University of Guelph, the 100-year-old institution is scheduled to be closed at the end of 2015, with some of its programming moved to other campuses.

Truck purchases

The county will be purchasing a tandem snow plow truck from the Currie Truck Centre for \$207,275. This is a change from the March recommendation from the roads department, which was to go with a truck from Winslow Gerolamy Motors Limited for \$211,730.

"The motor has been found to have significant issues regarding the exhaust and emission system creating major breakdowns," operations manager Sylvan Cloutier wrote in a report. "These issues in general are very expensive repairs and increase downtime."

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Armatec highlighted need

THE ARMATEC proposal, whether it was right or wrong for Harcourt and the county, revealed a deeper concern in this community – the future of economic development and community growth.

Too often the conversation around the proposal to put an armour-testing site in the middle of the forest in cottage country devolved into rude shouting matches and fear mongering when there really were important issues needing to be addressed.

This week we have three letters all saying essentially the same thing: now that the 1,750-acre property is back up for sale, will those who opposed the Armatec plan step up to protect the land by buying it?

Their request is mostly in jest, one would assume; it is unlikely anyone who opposed the proposal will now fork over \$1.8 million.

But they point to a frustration that comes mostly from people who live in the Highlands fulltime.

Yes, the place is beautiful, pristine and a viable outdoor tourism destination for part-time residents, but what about the people who need work all year round?

There is little need to trot out the worn-out statistics on how Haliburton County struggles with poverty, poor-paying seasonal work, etc.

We all know that already.

What the support of Armatec and its five-job-guarantee shows is strong support for something that will propel the county forward and give people a reason to settle in rather than uproot and leave.

Aside from the obviously inaccurate concerns about an armour test-

ing facility attracting terrorists and the like, there were good arguments made that tanks aren't the symbol the Highlands should be promoting.

Whether that's enough to call off a project altogether is now a moot point, as Armatec Survivability CEO

Karl Pfister has announced he's abandoning any last-ditch efforts to have the official plan amended and land rezoned.

He has moved on, exploring other municipalities that came to him hoping those five jobs will land in their jurisdiction.

Even if you agree that Armatec wasn't the right fit, you can't help but notice

how anxious people are for job creation.

There are no obvious answers on how to make this happen.

A couple of years ago, the county decided to give lower-tier municipalities the responsibility for economic development.

Not enough time has passed to know whether it worked, but it is obvious there needs to be a clearer idea of how we move forward.

A camp of creative economy proponents have been pushing the idea of the Highlands as a place to cultivate creativity-powered businesses (think: culinary tourism, last week's #ScienceHack, next week's performing arts symposium), but so far those concepts have not brought in the number of jobs needed, which is why we see such outcry over the loss of even five potential jobs.

We'll never know whether Armatec would be good or bad for the county, but what the whole debacle has revealed is we do need something.

Five jobs wouldn't cause such a stir if they weren't so desperately needed.



Jenn Watt
Editor



signs of spring

photo by Darren Lum

Pick one

WHEN IT COMES to Greens Mountain, Highlands East council should decide on one specific vision for the space and stick with it.

Early this month, the township held a public consultation session asking people what they'd like to see done with the patch of Crown land south of Gooderham as it readies to create the Greens Mountain Recreational Plan.

As is the perennial case with such exercises, there was a diversity of suggestions, from astronomical observation to horseback riding to ATVing.

All great ideas. And the township should pick one. Just one.

Part of the impetus for the project is economic development and if the township wants to make Greens Mountain an economic driver, it will have to make it an attraction.

An attraction needs a specific, marketable personality. Greens Mountain needs to become a provincial destination for a particular user group.

This will require stepping on the proverbial toes of other groups.

It will mean making people angry. Trying to humour everybody can be a handicap.

The situation is reminiscent of the one with the Haliburton County Rail Trail, which went on at the upper-tier level for years.

Through public meetings county councillors gathered input from the trail's users and user groups.

Suggestions were many and varied.

The loudest, at polar ends of the spectrum, were groups advocating for motorized use and non-motor-

ized use of the former rail bed running from Haliburton Village to Kinmount.

These groups are natural-born enemies, by the way. Like Leafs and Habs fans. Or Rob Ford and the truth.

They fenced for years as councillors had hour upon hour of circular conversation about what direction the trail should take.

Eventually, a consultant was hired, another public consultation process took place and a report was produced.

In the end, the Rail Trail was deemed a multi-use trail. In practice, nothing changed. It is still used by the same mishmash of users that it always has

been.

And there's nothing wrong with that.

But the Rail Trail has no defining characteristic.

Highlands East has the opportunity to make Greens Mountain a place to which people from throughout the province flock for a specific reason.

If council decides to take an environmental, pedestrian approach, then vehicles should be banned from the property.

If it's going to be used for dirt biking, then a pump track should be built.

If it's going to be an equestrian facility . . . stuff horse people like should be constructed.

You get the picture.

Creating a specific attraction will alienate and aggravate some user groups, but will be in the economic best interest of the municipality.



Chad Ingram
Reporter



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points of view

Over a barrel

IT'S FUNNY HOW your self-image and the way other people see you don't always exactly jive.

This was made abundantly clear to me on Saturday night when Jenn and I were watching a movie called *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*.

The particular incident that brought this to mind was one exciting scene in which the company of Dwarves along with Bilbo Baggins, the Hobbit, was being swept down a fast moving river, each in their own barrel. It was bad enough they were being buffeted by white water and thrown violently over treacherous waterfalls. What made the scene even more dramatic was that evil goblins, called Orcs, lined the river's banks with bows and all manner of cruel blades. Those bad guys were out for blood too, so the situation looked really desperate.

Luckily two things happened.

The first is that one of the Dwarves – the big, fat, red-bearded one – crashed into the banks in his barrel. While still in his barrel, he



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

rolled, bounced, picked up speed and ricocheted off just about every rock and Orc. In doing so, he knocked several of the latter into the water or flattened them outright. Then when he finally came to a complete stop amidst a group of those evil goblins, he stood wearing his now ruined barrel and shoved his arms out each side with weapon in each hand. He then proceeded to fight his way back to the river like a whirling chainsaw and hitch a ride by clinging onto a friend's barrel

While all this was happening, the good elf Legolas sprinted along the banks and shot Orcs with his bow without even stopping to catch his breath. He moved with the grace and agility of his kind and shot arrows with unerring accuracy while on the run. At one point he jumped into the river and actually balanced precariously with each foot on the head of a Dwarf in separate barrels. It should come as no surprise that he balanced atop them while they all ran the rapids. And, as is to be expected, he still managed to place arrows with deadly accuracy in those murderous Orcs. Then he jumped lightly from the head of one barrel-riding Dwarf to another while he continued to arrow Orcs. It was sheer poetry in motion.

At that point, I looked at Jenn and said what I suspect we were both thinking.

"You know, I could do that," I proclaimed.

"I guess," she said. "But that barrel might be a snug fit on you."

"I was referring to the elf's part," I snapped.

"Oh," she said.

An uncomfortable silence ensued.

A few minutes later, I muttered, "It's the beard isn't it?"

She shushed me and pointed to the TV.

It suddenly struck me that I was, and not for the first time either, being unfairly typecast. It didn't matter that I shoot a bow pretty well every day. Nor that I possess the smoldering good looks of Orlando Bloom and the lithe, muscular form, agility, and long flowing locks of your typical Elvish warrior prince.

Because you could have all that going for you – but get stuck in a barrel just once and people label you.

After the movie, we spoke a little more about it.

"Are you upset?" she said.

"No," I said, "not at all. But I just don't see how you assumed that I was talking about being a Dwarf. I mean you had only two characters to choose from – either the handsome, tall impeccably-groomed Elf or the short, fat Dwarf with last night's dinner in his beard."

"Clearly I made a mistake," she said, as she brushed some bread-crumbs out of my beard.

"I thought so," I grumbled.

It was a very near thing though. For a brief moment or two in time, my own self-image was almost in doubt.

After that conversation, it occurred to me that sometimes people just see what they want to see. I mean, I'm pretty sure most people I run into quietly note the remarkable likeness between me and a swashbuckling Elven warrior prince. And I'm equally sure that there are virtually no similarities between me and your run-of-the-mill mythical Dwarf – other than that one unfortunate incident with the barrel, which, by the way, even the guy operating the jaws of life said could have happened to anyone.

The point here is that people don't always view you the way you see yourself and that's good to know because having this situational awareness helps in everyday life.

Which is why we won't be watching *Planet of the Apes* anytime soon.

letters to the editor

Golden opportunity

To the Editor,

It was interesting to note that your paper indicated that 1,750 acres of land that was the subject of the Armatec controversy is back on the market.

This is the opportunity for the cottagers and others that were in opposition to Armatec's proposed use of these lands to protect their environment.

Instead of waiting for "someone with environmental attitudes" toward the land to come along and

buy it, the people who want it protected for the benefit and value protection of their existing ownership and enjoyment should step up to the plate. Self help begins at home.

I won't hold my breath on this idea though.

David M. Bishop
Haliburton

Armatec opponents should snap up property

To the Editor,

I see the Armatec property is now up for sale. Way to go, Dysart council! I expect they, or the Benoir Lake Hooligans Society will snap it up, as they must do everything they can to make sure that somebody else doesn't buy it and create some good-paying year-round long-term jobs.

Like I said: for sure, the inmates are running the asylum.

Tim Casey

Put your money where your mouth is

To the Editor,

Regarding the article "Armatec property for sale." Now that the property is back on the market for a measly \$1.8 million. This is the perfect opportunity for all those so vocally opposed to the Armatec Proposal, to band together, put their money where their mouth is and buy the property, before someone else does, then proposes something else they don't like!

Keith Stata
Kinmount

Waiting for a follow-up

To the Editor,

I would like to comment on the article "Building dept. problems persist in Highlands East." It appears that the article is based on information from 2008 and I am wondering why it is coming to light now. Mr. Nemeczek and Mr. Betram allude to "ongoing frustrations" but do not provide any detail. Ms. Blenich needs to research this allegation in depth to better provide a clearer picture as to what prompted this sudden attack.

I also find it inappropriate that the secretary of a non-profit association (Haliburton County Home Builders Association) is commenting on the subject. The president of the association should be the one to

comment, but has shown better judgement.

Furthermore, the municipal administrator says that no issues have arisen. Are we to believe the head of a municipal corporation or the secretary of a non-profit association?

If there were indeed issues, the association should be asking that the complainants direct their concerns to the municipality.

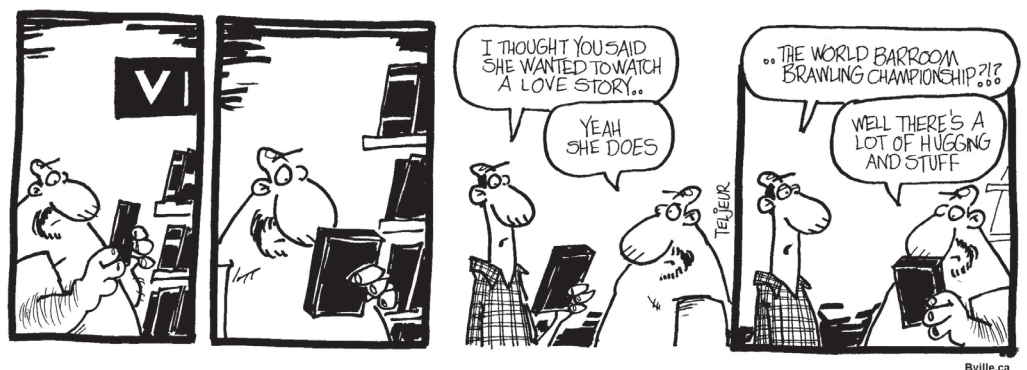
Clearly they are not doing this.

There certainly is more to the story that Mr. Nemeczek and Mr. Bertram are not telling us and I look forward to a follow-up to this story.

L. Lewis
Harcourt Park

More letters on page 8

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letters

Overwhelming support for Highlands Little Theatre

To the Editor,

On behalf of Highland Little Theatre, we thank all of those who supported, participated and energized the presentation of *You Can't Take It With You*.

HLT has been overwhelmed by the incredible positive response to assist in this production. Most importantly, we thank our patrons who took some of their valuable time to come and participate in community theatre in the Highlands these past few days.

The enthusiastic audiences energized the cast and we sincerely hope you had as fun a time as we had presenting it.

This has been the first step in the renewal process of Highlands Little Theatre.

Community theatre is alive in the Highlands and the community should take a moment to pat themselves on the back for contributing to this step.

Stay tuned for more as we continue on this journey. We will be announcing our annual general meeting soon and we would love anyone who wishes to contribute in any capacity to attend.

John Neving
President, HLT

Deciphering the world of buttons

Gerald Irish
A Senior's Moment

Last month, before retiring for the night, I was reminded that it was time to set the clocks in the house ahead one hour with the advent of Daylight Saving Time.

It used to be so simple.

We would have to rotate a small button that controlled the larger hands on the clock.

One hour ahead wasn't bad but one hour back could be sheer hell.

If the clock was one of those that gonged or rang on every quarter, half and full hour, to set the time back one hour meant forwarding the hands through 11 quarter hour gongs, eleven half hour gongs and 11 full hour gongs.

If you did not follow this routine, you could mess up your clock.

Microwave ovens are something else. We used to open the door, set the item needing defrosting or cooking inside, close the door, push one of two choice buttons and start.

Now we select from a vast array of buttons (even one for popcorn) including all kinds of timing devices. We have enough control buttons on a microwave to launch a satellite.

Then, when it is cooked (or we hope it is) we open the door, reach in to extract the item and either burn our hands or find we had used the wrong settings and everything is cool.

In public places I find that toilets that flush without us touching any handle or button are very annoying.

I'll decide when I'm done. Sometimes I wait for the machine to do its job before I stagger over to wash my

hands. Here again, I have little control over the operation.

The machine waits for me to put my hands under the tap before it will release water and then usually shuts off before I have completed my ablutions.

Then over to the hand dryer which quits before my hands are dried so my shirt tail comes in to use.

Sometimes I get frustrated at all the different debit card machines requesting us to insert, slide, tap or wave your card, select cash back or not, choose chequing or saving, enter your PIN and the magic OK.

All of this is great but where is the personal contact? A machine is doing all of these things.

Of course it is more convenient but I love interpersonal relations.

I love to talk, not just read and push buttons. How am I to find out all the local information (gossip), if I don't talk.

Washers, dryers, dishwashers, and even coffee makers have gained in complexity of operation.

All of these wonderful implements are improved to make it more convenient for us but sometimes we seniors find it leads to more confusions.

One item that plays a very large part in our lives and we have learned how to use it is the TV. What a part this plays in a senior's life!

Most of the machines we have talked about are good in our lives but we need our TVs - our contact with the rest of the world.

Don't let machines control you! You are more important than any of them.

You are a vital part of your family, your village and your world and you are not controlled by the push of a button. You are a Haliburton senior.



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If you are unable to come to the registration, you can register on-line in person or print and scan a form on-line (www.dysartet.al.ca). Deadline to register is May 2, 2014

For further information contact Andrea Mueller at (705) 457-1740 ext. 35 or amueller@dysartet.al.ca



DVD of the Month: Saving Mr. Banks

P.L. Travers's tales of Mary Poppins, the "practically perfect in every way" nanny brought by the East Wind to the children of No. 17 Cherry-Tree Lane captivated the imaginations of children everywhere, including the two young daughters of Walt Disney.

Disney spent 20 years trying to secure the film rights to Travers's creation, before she finally relented at the urging of her agent to allow the film maker to bring Mary Poppins to the big screen.

Saving Mr. Banks dramatizes the meeting of minds between the affable Disney, played by Tom Hanks, and the prim and proper Travers, played by Emma Thompson, during the development of one of Disney's most memorable films.

Saving Mr. Banks is available on DVD at the Haliburton County Public Library. Also available are Mary Poppins the book by P.L. Travers, and Disney's Mary Poppins on DVD.



Library News

All our branches will be closed on Friday, April 18 for the Good Friday holiday. But don't forget that we will be open on Saturday, April 19!

We will also be running kids programming on that day. Join us for a fun spring time craft and story time at the Minden branch and Wilberforce branch on Saturday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Brass quintet bringing bold beats to Haliburton County

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

They have been in the business for more than 30 years and they've still got some tunes in them.

The five members of the Foothills Brass Quintet will be bringing their trombones, tubas and other musical instruments to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Saturday, April 26.

The show will be the first in this year's Haliburton Concert Series, with two more shows rounding out the program in September and October.

The brass quintet originally came together in the early 1980s, said Chris Morrison, one of the founding members and its artistic director.

The quintet is comprised of full-time musicians, some of whom met through the Thunder Bay Symphony.

"It was easier than getting a job," said Morrison on working full-time in music.

The group has changed over the years, with members coming and going due to family commitments and other circumstances.

However, some who have left have come back, the music drawing them back together.

“

We really enjoy performing for people and feeling the interaction. The advantage of a small group like this is you feel a personal interaction with the audience.

— Chris Morrison
Artistic Director

Morrison describes the quintet's style as being varied, sometimes playing gentle and blended compositions, or imitating the sounds of a big band swing group, or Dixieland.

The program for the Haliburton concert, titled BrassScapes, will feature New Orleans style songs, a dueling trumpet tune, *Tumbling Tumbleweed* and a medley of western movie themes.

Apart from lively country and western music, the quintet will delve into some jazz numbers, performing the Miles Davis piece *Donna Lee*.

For the classical lover, the *William Tell Overture* will be included in the repertoire, as well as *Amazing Grace*, a Bach composition and some Latin beats.

Foothills Brass Quintet has toured throughout the entire country, including the territories, and internationally as far as Israel.

"We really enjoy performing for people and feeling the interaction," said Morrison. "The advantage of a small group like this is you feel a personal interaction with the audience. For all of us that's our favourite thing ... creating a personal relationship with the music so it feels like we're playing in your living room."

The upcoming show will mark the group's second performance at the theatre, the first going back 13 years.

"We've been up through that area quite a few times, over the years," said Morrison.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

For information and to buy tickets, contact Lorraine Semple at 705-455-9892 or June Smith at june.smith705@gmail.com.

For more information on the HCS visit www.haliburtoncs.blogspot.ca.

Right, the Foothills Brass Quintet will be performing at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on April 26 as part of the Haliburton Concert Series. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.
Photo submitted



Annual Home and Cottage show coming up

While spring took its sweet time getting here, there are already signs that summer is on its way.

One sure sign of summer being around the corner is the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show, one of the longest-running shows of its type in Ontario.

The 36th annual Haliburton Home and Cottage show will be taking place in and around the A.J. LaRue Arena and Haliburton Curling Club from Friday, May 30 to Sunday, June 1.

This year's show is sponsored by the Haliburton Curling Club, their 31st year of sponsoring the event.

Over 150 exhibitions will be showcasing their products and services throughout the three days of the show.

Admission will be \$3 for adults, with children getting in free of charge. Food and beverages will be available in the curling club lounge.

Some exhibition space is still available for those who are interested in having a booth. For more information contact the show manager, Wayne Hussey, at 705-457-2892.



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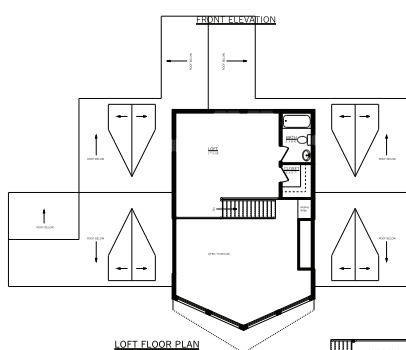


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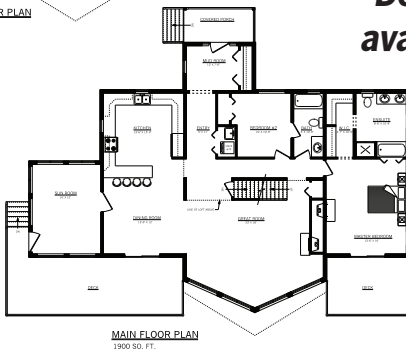
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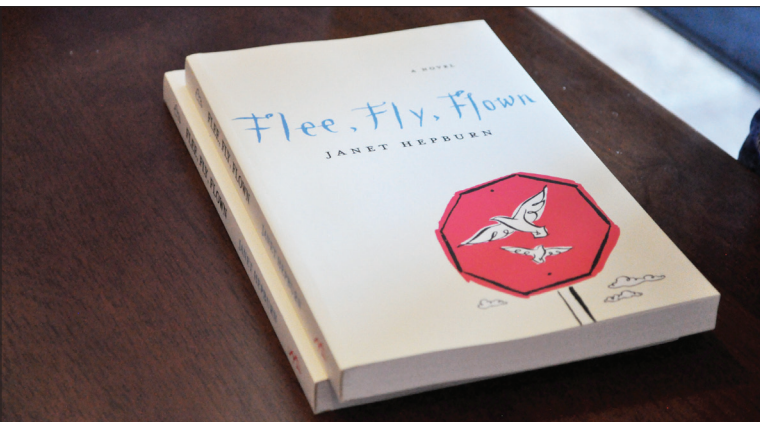
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Writer swoops through Haliburton for fundraiser

Author Janet Hepburn hands a signed copy of her book *Flee, Fly, Flown* to an admirer on April 9 at a Lunch and Learn event hosted by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library. Held at the Haliburton Community Room, the fundraiser included a talk by Hepburn, where she described the writing and publishing process behind her book and answered questions from those in attendance about the plot and characters.

Hepburn signs copies of her novel *Flee, Fly, Flown* on April 9 at a Lunch and Learn event hosted by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library. From Port Dover, Hepburn began her career in creative writing only a few years ago, following a course she took at Humber College. Apart from her novel, Hepburn has published poetry.

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Angelica Blenich

Above, *Flee, Fly, Flown* by Janet Hepburn is up for an Evergreen Award. A novel about two women who suffer from Alzheimer's, loosely based on Hepburn's mother's life, *Flee, Fly, Flown* resonated with many of the attendees, who enjoyed the poignant yet humorous portrayal of the difficulties of aging.

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Local uranium film travels to South America

➤ Documentary on community's fight against open pit mine to screen in Rio de Janeiro

Jenn Watt
Editor

Darlene Buckingham and Shawn Arscott thought they were leaving nuclear power and uranium behind when they moved their lives from Pickering to Tory Hill in 2006.

Living in the shadow of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and its eight CANDU reactors, the artists decided to move to the countryside and concentrate on the theme of endangered species.

But uranium followed them.

Soon after relocating, Buckingham and Arscott, who run Earthdance Studio, discovered that a company was planning an open pit uranium mine near their home.

Then they found that uranium in the ground was affecting their well water and there was radon in the air.

"When we came up here ... that's when we started doing the research on uranium. Once you open up a can of worms it's hard to close it. You learn so much more by getting involved," said Arscott.

In their battle against the mine and clearing their home of the toxic gas, they started filming. They filmed themselves, public meetings, politicians and even the abandoned uranium mine site in Cardiff.

The end result was *U: A story about uranium and us*, which showed at the Haliburton International Film Festival in 2008. They took it to just one other festival – Reframe in Peterborough – and sent it off to a uranium film festival. They didn't hear back until April 1 of this year.

"We thought it was an April Fool's joke," said Buckingham. "It was totally unexpected."

U will be playing in the Modern Art Museum of Rio de Janeiro during the Uranium Film Festival May 14 to 24 alongside other works that cover the whole industry behind nuclear power with several films focusing on the disaster at Fukushima in 2011.

The couple estimates about 40 films will be showing during the 10-day event.

"It's amazing that there are that many films about uranium. It's becoming a huge topic around the world, as it should be," said Buckingham.

The couple is shocked that Ontario continues to push toward nuclear power and are disgusted by a proposal to bury low- and intermediate-level waste in Kincardine on the shores of Lake Huron.

"They want to create more reactors. We're not learning our lessons here. It's disconcerting to say the least," said Arscott.

They are in the process of finding funds to put together a new documentary, this time on the situation in Kincardine.

Arscott and Buckingham say switching to renewable energy is the direction Ontario should be going, suggesting if as much money as was invested in nuclear energy was invested in renewables, many of the obstacles could be overcome.

It was never their intention to spend their lives grappling with uranium, but the element continues to dictate their course.

They've decided to embrace it.

"Uranium is always there and you can't turn it off," said Buckingham. "I think, too, uranium has become part of our

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When we came up here ... that's when we started doing the research on uranium.

— Shawn Arscott

Filmmaking couple Darlene Buckingham and Shawn Arscott from Tory Hill reveal their film about uranium at Haliburton International Film Festival in 2008. They recently found out their documentary, *U: A story about uranium and us*, was selected for the Uranium Film Festival in Rio de Janeiro. / File photo



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Brenda Boomhouer, left, Julie Thornton, and Dan Linkert star in *The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter*. The show is one of the two pantomimes being presented by the Loop Troupe and Library Launchers on April 25 and 26 at the Lloyd Watson Centre. The evening, titled Not Just Desserts, is a fundraiser for the new Wilberforce library.

Angelica Blenich
Staff

Loop Troupe hits the stage for library fundraiser

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

A lighthouse, a rowboat, a cellar, a plumber and a daughter. These are just some of the things featured in the fun-filled evening Not Just Desserts.

A joint initiative between the Wilberforce Library Launchers and the Loop Troupe Little Theatre, Not Just Desserts is a fundraising event that will include two pantomimes, live musical entertainment, a silent auction and homemade desserts.

Taking place at the Lloyd Watson Centre on April 25 and 26, the fundraiser is raising funds for the new Wilberforce library, which is scheduled to open this spring.

To date the Library Launchers have collected approximately \$35,000, with a goal of bringing in \$40,000, to help with furnishing the new facility.

The first pantomime of the evening is *The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter*, by Muriel and Richard Eldridge, featuring members of the Loop Troupe and Library Launchers.

A tale of adventure, deception and romance, *The Light-*

house Keeper's Daughter keeps audience members guessing up until the very end, while narrated exceptionally well by David Watson.

The final pantomime has Highlands East councillors stepping into a different role as they perform *Trouble in the Cellar*, also by Muriel Eldridge.

Trouble in the Cellar is narrated by Cathy Agnew, while both shows are directed by Gill Stephens.

In between the performances live music will be provided by local musicians Albert Saxby on the Friday night and Bethany Houghton and Ernie Demuth on the Saturday evening.

To go along with the music an elegant selection of desserts will also be served, including apple and lemon meringue pie, chocolate cheesecake and peach cheesecake. Gluten free and diabetic desserts will be available.

A silent auction with artwork, jewelry, gift baskets and more will also be a part of the event.

Tickets for Not Just Desserts are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and teenagers. They are available at Agnew's General Store, the Wilberforce library branch or through members of the Loop Troupe or Library Launchers.

The event begins at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds are going towards the new library facility.



Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton stars alongside Councillor Joan Barton in *Trouble in the Cellar*, part of Not Just Desserts, a joint fundraiser between the Loop Troupe and the Library Launchers. Taking place on April 25 and 26 at the Lloyd Watson Centre, the evening will include two pantomimes, live musical entertainment, a silent auction and homemade desserts.

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The spirit of robotics alive at HHSS

➤ High school team competes in inaugural competition in North Bay

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It's hard to ignore the enthusiasm felt by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) Red Hawks Robotics Team following their inaugural experience at the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) from March 26 to 29 at Nipissing University in North Bay.

Every team faced the challenge to compete in "Aerial Assist" at the North Bay regional competition organized by FIRST – an international organization that encourages interest in robotics competitions for students from elementary schools to high schools. FIRST Robotics Canada started in 2001. For more information see www.firstroboticscanada.org.

Each team had six weeks to design and construct a robot that could shoot a 24-inch diameter ball seven feet into the goal. Points were awarded for scoring, but more were awarded for passing to robot teammates. Each robot was made according to specifications: no taller than five feet and did not extend beyond 20 inches from the outside of the frame.

The sight of the competition simply wowed the team, who never imagined the scale of the event that included hundreds of boisterous fans.

There were two gymnasiums used for the event that was divided into two areas: one for the competition and audience, and the other for the "pits," where robots were repaired or adjusted. They pointed out being a "rookie" event this was amazingly one of the smallest for FIRST.

With hundreds watching, the HHSS rookie robotics 12-member team proved themselves well, finishing 26 out of 36 teams.

The 12-member group, comprised of students from Grade 9 to 12, appreciated the opportunity to meet other students and teachers who shared a common interest.

Armed with their robot, Hawkimus Prime – named after the Optimus Prime character from the popular children's cartoon and action movie, *Transformers*, the team found success and value from more than the playing area.

Grade 12 student Sam Tyler was more than just the operator and main spokesperson.

Through the process, Tyler became empowered and the eventual leader of the team.

He never thought of himself as a leader, but it just turned out that way.

The team looked to him regularly. Tyler showed the greatest knowledge of the robot and burning passion for the project before and during the competition.

Tyler's experience has bolstered his desire to study civil engineering next year.

Robotics lead programmer and graduating student Andrew Jennings, who is intent on earning a bachelor of computer science at the post secondary level, said the experience is invaluable for his future goals.

He found courage from his determination and the resolution of challenges associated with his task to program the robot. Jennings adds HHSS alumnus Jesse Schmidt helped him program, specifically, with computer language Java Script.

Club facilitator and Trillium Lakelands District School Board maintenance worker Dan Gimon said the event included the entire spectrum of emotions from stressful, educational, tiring, eye-opening, rewarding, fun and worthwhile.

"Other than the result, the most important aspect of the event for all of us was experiencing the entire FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) process from start to finish. Even

though Ian McTavish, who along with his Huntsville team, mentored us and described to us what to expect, it was many times more intense actually being there," Gimon said.

HHSS teacher Dan Fockler also assisted the team this year.

Besides engineering, the event provided an opportunity to discover other interests.

Grade 10 student Johnathan Prestwich documented the event, shooting video.

He hopes to compile his footage into a short that can be used to not only garner interest for sponsorship, but also give to past sponsors, showing the result of their contribution.

Grade 9 student Betty Paton smiled, recalling her surprise moment at the event.

"I didn't expect everyone to be enthusiastic about it, but after you worked six weeks, giving sweat, blood and tears into the robot you're really excited. It's the biggest deal that has happened to you," she said.

For next year, the team members who are returning have already considered what to improve on.

This includes leaving more time for operation practice and problem solving by building the robot earlier.

Part of the improvement rests with funds, necessary for better parts.

The group is already seeking sponsorship for next year.

Before the school year is complete, they're accepting invitations to speak about their experience and share what they might need the next time they compete.

This past year the Trillium Lakelands District School Board provided the largest chunk of funding.

However the team is thankful for the support they did get this year and are optimistic for next year and their prospects to improve.

Contact the school (705-457-2950) for information to sponsor or help the team.



Girl Guide Honour

Victoria Robertson, far left, Hailee Rogers and Kaydan Reid recite the Brownie motto while selling Girl Guide cookies on April 12 outside of Haliburton Foodland. The girls sold more than 100 boxes of cookies, with funds going towards their year-end camping trip to Camp Adelaide in Haliburton.

Above right, the local Sparks and Brownies were selling the cookies throughout Haliburton County to mark Girl Guides of Canada's Cookie Day in Ontario. Cookies were also being sold at Todd's Independent and Minden Home Hardware. The cookies cost \$5 a box and are still available through the local Girl Guide club. They meet on Tuesday nights in Haliburton next to the Business Incubator.

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The contortionist portion of the event featured the “super bendy pretzel girl,” Zaira Davenport.

Circus comes to town

Johnny Davenport shows off his juggling skills during the Family Fun Circus event on Wednesday, April 9 at the Dysart Community Centre in Haliburton.

Photos by Zach Cox



The perfect Storm celebrate

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Back in August 2013 we selected 17 players to embark on a journey that would take us to the OMHA finals ending March 29th 2014 as our final destination.

With five wins in our first five league games we were off to a strong start. Then right into the Bob Beaumont Tournament in Huntsville winning all five games with a nail biter against BCH Ice Dogs in the finals with a two-on-two in triple overtime finally winning 2-1. Thanks, Matt! Our goals for and against for the weekend were 24-3.

We continued our winning streak until the final game in our home tournament Cody Hodgson Fall Classic versus Elmville where we lost 5-3. Probably the only game all season that I wish we could have a do-over.

Continuing to dominate the league we ventured out for more tournaments which included the Bobby Orr Classic in Parry Sound where we won in game five defeating the Lincoln Blades 6-3 in the final.

From there we off to our regional Silver Stick in Pembroke where we worked our way undefeated through five games to the finals. After a hard fought game vs Mississippi Thunder we lost 4-0.

We continued our journey finishing our regular league season with only two ties heading into the Muskoka/Parry Sound league tournament. Winning all five games including a 4-0 shutout in the finals against Huntsville.

Starting the play offs we faced Parry Sound taking the series 3 straight with a convincing win in the last game of 6-1

Onto the quarter finals against a strong Ennis-

more team found us down 1 game after being dominated in the home opener 7-1. This was the wakeup call our boys needed as we came back to win three straight. Again with a 4-0 shut out to close out the series. (The only shut out of the playoffs)

Heading Listowel for the semi finals we came across a tough group of oversized farm boys that took advantage of our smaller skilled players. A back and forth series found us advancing after a game five win to the finals against a waiting Mount Brydges.

After a less than stellar performance at home and loosing the opener 4-3 we came back to win three straight with a convincing 7-2 final in game four at a packed A.J. LaRue Arena to become the OMHA Bantam B All Ontario Champions.

Some of our stats over the year include 51 wins, six losses, two ties, 326 goals for, 115 against, 14 shut outs.

We would like to thank our team sponsor Smolen Family Dentistry, our playoff sponsors, Fraser Rogers (Bishop & Rogers), David Bishop, Mike Lopez (Richlo), Steve McLean (Canadian Tire Minden), Murray Fearrey, Steve and Andrea Roberts, Blair Sand and Gravel, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Andrew Hodgson (Century 21 Granite Realty), Brad Park (Foodland), Budget Propane, Greg Saville, Haliburton Timbermart, The Smith Family, Shane Sisson, John and Marj Parish, Paul Wilson, John Wilson. Special thanks to Rick Lowes, Hanna Klose, Kayla Bird and Charlie Teljeur.

Thank you to the fans from far and wide for your support throughout the year and cheering us on to victory!

Getting tested for Hep C saves lives



8,000 Canadians every year contract Hepatitis C

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Education and awareness goes a long way to breaking down the stigma, preventing the contraction and spreading of Hep C.

That was the message delivered by the Liver Health and Hepatitis C Team during its information session for a small gathering on April 4 at the Haliburton Curling Club.

Hep C is a virus carried in the blood and is only contracted through blood-to-blood contact with an infected person. It does not have a vaccine like Hep A and B.

The disease attacks the liver and can lead to death if left untreated. The liver is an important organ to overall health.

Hep C is broken down into four stages and starts with flu-like symptoms that eventually go away, leaving the disease to go undetected.

"Testing is the best way to find out. Symptoms may not show up for 30 or 40 years and often by the time the symptoms do show up your liver is in full cirrhosis or possibly cancer," Hep C team co-ordinator Heather Chalmers said.

When cirrhosis sets in the symptoms include jaundice (yellowing of eyes and skin, fatigue, itchiness and irritability). Another symptom is the swelling of the abdomen.

Hepatitis C Team member and outreach worker Brigitte Upshaw said "universal precautions" are the best measure against spreading the disease.

This includes when a person has an open wound such as a cut to wear a Band-aid or to gloves when dealing with blood. She adds avoid sharing hypodermic needles, nail clippers, razors, tweezers and toothbrushes.

Anyone who gets a tattoo or a piercing should ensure sterile equipment is being used.

This disease cannot be contracted through physical contact such as kissing, hugging, shaking hands, sharing utensils, cups or plates, toilet seats and sneezing or coughing.

There is a stigma attached to the disease by the public because the majority of sufferers contract the disease through intravenous drug use. Everyone, the team said, needs understanding just like anyone enduring a disease.

"It's not important how a person got it, but how we treat them," treatment nurse and Hep C team member Kelly O'Neill said.

Some Hep C sufferers have contracted the disease through blood transfusions prior to 1992. Those who have had blood transfusions before 1992 are highly recommended to get screened. A high number of baby boomers are being tested now as a result.

Some people, they said, never get properly diagnosed because they don't ask for the specific Hep C test.

Drug users should exercise vigilance.

In addition to injection drug users, those who smoke or snort crack can contract the disease through microscopic blood cells not visible to the eye. Best thing is to not share, they said.

The success rate for current treatments is high at close to 80 per cent, which includes up to 25 per cent of people who are able to clear the disease on their own. Poor lifestyle choices such as excessive alcohol consumption will speed up the degeneration of the liver.

This treatment though leaves people with side effects.

O'Neill said, "Imagine having the flu for like 48 weeks" and relentless itchiness that feels like it is rooted in the bones.

Support for people undergoing treatment is essential to recovery, whether that's by loved ones or health professionals.

It includes one needle a week with up to 20 pills a day and can last from 12 to 24 weeks.

A new treatment is available, which includes a reduction of up to 18 pills per day, but is far more expensive and is not covered by the provincial government. Its success rate is close to 90 per cent. The cost of this treatment is \$100,000, close to double the old method. Everyone is affected differently so side effects will vary.

The Hep C Team started close to three years ago and is based at the Oshawa Community Health Centre. It provides support and education with regular outreach offerings.

Future clinics in Haliburton are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 18, May 2 and May 16 at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team.

For information and free testing call 1-855-808-6242 (press four then one).



Darren Lum Staff

The Liver Health and Hepatitis C Team member and treatment nurse Kelly O'Neill, who holds a model of a liver with all four Hep C infected stages, speaks to the audience at an information session on April 4 at the Haliburton Curling Club. They recommend everyone get screened for the disease that is contracted from blood-to-blood contact with an infected person.



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Mitch Stephen, who is set up for future opportunities, photographed an eagle feasting on a deer carcass on Soyers Lake. The deer was earlier taken down by a wolf on the lake.



Right, a deer stretches for a cedar snack on Mountain Lake. Photo by Mike Donnelly



Above, Wendy Hampson sent in this photo of two tom turkeys displaying in her backyard.



Learning about who turns your crank

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

Who turns your crank? I mean, in the right direction. I'm referring to people who make you smile, feel better than you did before they turned it. The folks who lift your spirit, make you laugh, think, wonder, aspire... and desire to tell your friends about it. Well, if ol' Maybelle didn't figure out who turns my crank just the other day when my new laptop arrived, don'tcha know.

First, I have to tell you, I was dumbstruck when my dearly beloved Lenny the Laptop up and bit the dust. Why, he didn't even give me a clue that he was sick. No coughs, burps, gurgles ... nada. Bless his little motherboard, Lenny was a dedicated workhorse until the day he croaked. Why, I never even got to say goodbye. Before I knew it, it was RIP Lenny L.

Then, suddenly, the hunt was on. I HAD to find a new laptop. One that was hearty and affordable. One that I could count on through thick and thinner. And believe me when I tell you, that was a process ol' Maybelle doesn't want to have to go through for at least a dozen lifetimes.

Now, as it turned out, me being a loyal kinda gal, I bought a brand spanking new version of Lenny. Right at this very

moment, I'm having a jolly good time writing to you on it.

But what does all this have to do with who turns your crank?

You see, after all the data was transferred from Lenny Senior to Lenny Junior, plus a good antivirus and other software, I was ready to make him feel more at home. Or, truth be told...I wanted to feel more at home with my new LENNY. And what better way than to customize the look of Lenny's desktop, don'tcha know?

Now, for those of you whose eyes are crossing...that simply means when you first turn on your computer, there's a picture or image on the screen...the one that your computer came with. Well, guess what? You get to change it to just about anything you like. You can also choose more than one image or picture and set it up so that they alternate on the screen every so many seconds or minutes. That's right! And that's exactly what I wanted to do.

Here's the thing. I decided to alternate photos of different people every ten seconds. (The system would do this automatically, don'tcha know). And I wanted to choose folks who ... you got it... turn my crank! Who make me happy just to see them. To be reminded how special they are (or were), and to feel inspired just to think about them.

So, it became a game of sorts, asking myself who these very special people would be. Who would ol' Maybelle want to see each and every time I went to write a letter on my computer...or a script from my radio show...or went YouTubeing or researching or checking my emails, don'tcha know?

Sure seems like an unimportant thing to spend so much time thinking about or even telling you about...or is it? After all, this little exercise would give ol' Maybelle a fresh look at how I feel about things these days. I'll show you what I mean.

I chose three people.

- #1 - Zina Lahr.
- #2 - Maria Bamford.
- #3 - George Carlin.

Now I'm guessing you all know who No. 3 is - George Carlin. In my esty-mation, he was one of the brightest, funniest, and most insightful philosophical comedians of our time! When I see George C's image, I'm reminded to read between the lines...to question things until they make sense to me...to be true to myself, don'tcha know.

When I look at an image of Zina Lahr, my No. 1 choice...

I feel inspired to be as creative as possible. She was such a unique young spirit...passionate about life...constantly making things like little robots...an illuminated parasol... videos...animations. She was so inspiring that a video that was made about her went viral shortly after her accidental death last November. She was only 23 and a very old soul. And lo and behold...her popularity is growing like a field of clover in spring. (OK, so maybe not spring in Lake WhaddyathinkImean... not YET, anyway.)

And then there's Maria Bamford...a quirky, off-the-wall comedian if there ever was one. And boy is she fearless with her subject matter and delivery. I look at her image and just smile because it reminds me of her stand-up comedy routines I've seen and loved on YouTube. And there's nothing better for ol' Maybelle's heart and soul than getting my endorphins sparking, my eyes glowing, and my mind reminding me to... LIGHTEN UP!

These are the folks who turn my crank.

And there's one more...my pet bear, Bogart.

Why, my heart swells like a big ripe plum every time his image comes on screen with him wearing his thought-voice-synthesizer Tam o' Shanter cap, don'tcha know. Bogart inspires me more than anyone I know. You see, he looks like most other bears in Lake WhaddyathinkImean...but, thanks to Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom's invention... every time we turn on Bogart's cap, we can hear what he's thinking. And Bogart not only has a genius IQ...he has the biggest heart on the planet. So, he's the other image I chose, 'cause he not only turns my crank, he reminds me that anything's possible. If you can think it...you can be it.

Oh sure there are others who turn ol' Maybelle's crank. Pavorotti, Mark Twain, the list goes on. And it's a good list to update every so often.

See who comes to your mind and heart. It just may surprise you. Who inspires you? Who makes your spirit rise just thinking about them? Who are the top three or four out of everybody you can think of?

For me, it's important not only knowing who turns my crank...but making sure my crank keeps turning. If not...it'll rust. And there's no way ol' Maybelle's going to let that happen, don'tcha know.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Read "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," an e-book available at amazon.ca.

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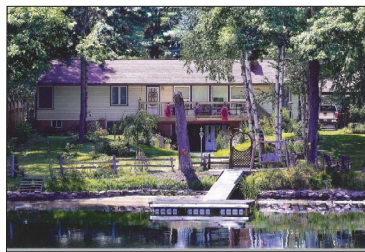




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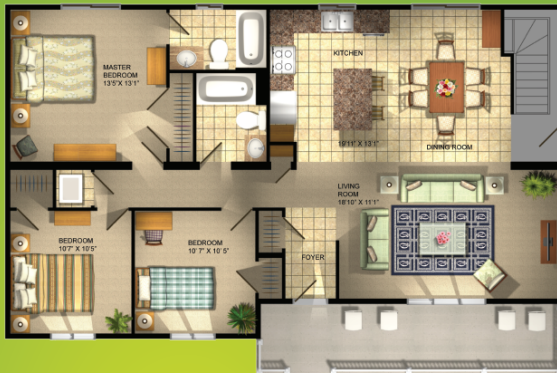
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After the hike, everyone is invited to join MC Carol Moffatt, Reeve of Algonquin Highlands and honorary chair Nancy Brink (who has won the Hike for Hospice Individual Challenge Award every year since 2006) as they lead us through our 10th anniversary celebrations. It will be an amazing afternoon of reflection, recogni-

tion, speeches, prizes, awards for the most pledges raised by a team or an individual, entertainment and delicious refreshments by Rhubarb. This year every participant receives a 10th anniversary tote bag for their generous pledge!

This is a particularly poignant year for SIRCH. It's SIRCH's 25th anniversary, the 20th anniversary of hospice, and the 10th anniversary of hike. Hike helps to provide the necessary funds so that hospice can provide residents of Haliburton County who face a life-threatening illness such as cancer, lung disease, coronary disease, a special kind of understanding and companionship to ease the journey.

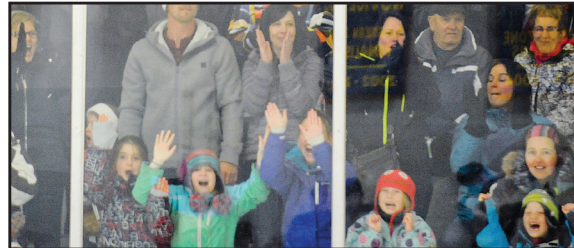
One hundred per cent of the funds raised at this event will stay in our community to support residents in Haliburton County

For more information, please contact us directly at 705-457-1742. Donations and pledge forms can be downloaded at www.sirch.on.ca. If you cannot join us for the hike and celebration, please show your support for this vital service by making a pledge or donation prior to the event.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, April 27 at 12 pm at Haliburton Highlands Secondary school. Please come hike with us!

Registration is at noon with the Memory Walk and Hike starting at 1 p.m.

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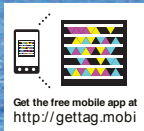
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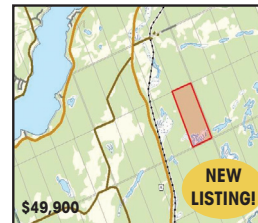
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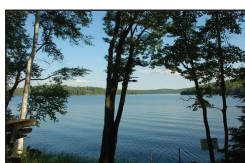
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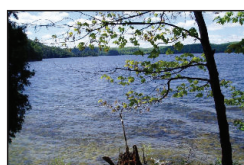
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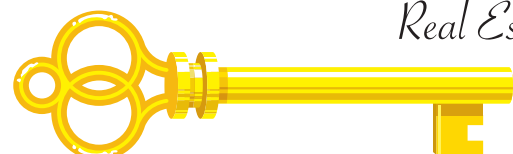
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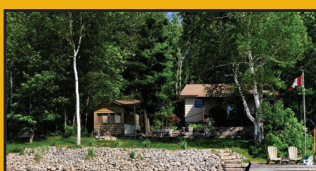
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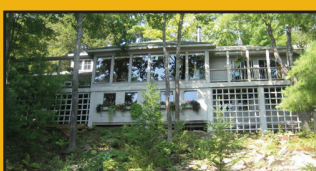
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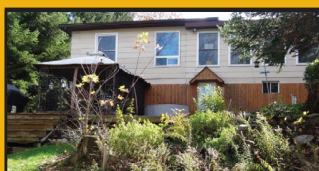
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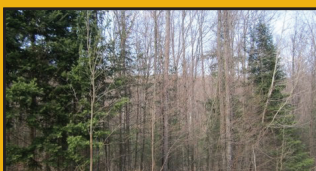
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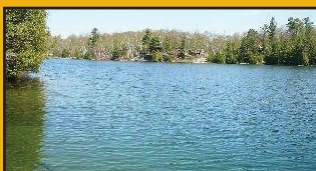
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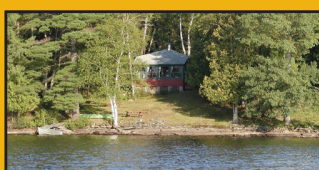
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Sports

Walker joins Waterloo's elite athletes

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

He never suspected he would win, let alone have his family there to share the joy.

Jake Walker, a Red Hawks alumnus and former Haliburton Curling Club youth member, couldn't believe it when his family joined him on stage to accept the Totzke Trophy as this year's Waterloo male athlete of the year during the 54th annual Athletics Banquet on Friday, April 4 at the St. George Banquet Hall in Guelph.

"It was all kind of a blur because I wasn't expecting it, No. 1. So, as I'm walking up to the stage my mind was completely blank I couldn't even think so they presented me with the award and I was, 'Oh, my God I just got this award I've kind of dreamed of getting my entire [University of Waterloo] sports career, and then No. 2, as my family was walking up I was super stunned and then when they asked me to say something ... I was speechless. I had no idea what to say," Walker said.

When he gathered his thoughts for his acceptance he listed his athletic highlights, which included representing Canada at the World Junior Championships and winning the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) championships last year.

He also gave a "shout out" to fellow HHSS alumnus Ed Cyr, who was later honoured with a Warrior Shield of Excellence (that Walker also won) that recognizes outstanding accomplishments by a graduating student-athlete in his or her sport, academics and community service. Walker said Cyr is one of the most athletic people he has ever met.

The two competed together on the curling team, winning provincial titles and the national title last year. The Shield is given to only four athletes a year.

In front of 500 students, his mother, Nancy, brother, Jesse, fiancé, Breana Schlingmann and her parents, joined Walker.

Walker's mother is proud of her son and found the moment unforgettable.

"It is very difficult to describe as a mother how I feel and how I felt on award night when I was up on stage with him when he received the award. It was a moment I will never forget," she said.

She kept the secret for days before the ceremony.

Although Walker was disappointed to not have his dad, Corey, and brother, Liam, there for the ceremony he is grateful to them all for all of his achievements.

"I've had so much support from my family throughout my entire career. I couldn't have done it without them," he said.

Waterloo alumnus and curling legend Glenn Howard was included in the video for Walker. Howard gave a recorded congratulation message to Walker.

The former Red Hawk appreciated the gesture, sending a text message to Howard later to thank him.

Walker's surprise, he said, came from being unaware the selection criteria included an examination of achievements over four years.

This year his curling team didn't fare as well as last year with just a 7-2 record.

Walker earned the award through his success both on the provincial and national level during his four years. On the provincial stage, he earned back-to-back Ontario University Athletics (OUA) Championships in 2011 and 2012, including being named an OUA all-star both of those seasons.

On the national stage, Walker appeared in two CIS Championships including a gold medal performance last spring in Alberta winning Waterloo's first national title since 1996. He earned CIS all-Canadian honours both of those seasons.

He was also a CIS silver medalist in 2011. In his two years at the national tournament, Walker boasts a 13-5 record. Over the past three seasons, Walker has had a 19-5 record at the OUA Championship including a 7-2 record in Guelph this season. In addition to his university playing success, Walker was a Canadian Junior Champion in 2010 and bronze medalist at the World Championships that same year.

Walker graduates on April 17 and has already lined up a job with Toyota as an engineering specialist.

After his first men's curling pro season that included the highlight of just missing on earning a berth to the Brier, the award ends an amazing year.

"To get this award on top of that caps off a good season," he said.

With files from Waterloo University



Red Hawks alumnus Jake Walker was surprised to receive the the Totzke Trophy for male athlete of the year at Waterloo University. Submitted by Waterloo University

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Driving dribble

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Jaguars player Katie Stinson, left, look on, as Madeline Hopkins dribbles to the key during the Intermediate Girls Zone Basketball Tournament on Tuesday, April. 8 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. The Jaguars defeated Archie Stouffer Elementary School for third place. More photos on next page. Darren Lum Staff

11 advance to Kawartha

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The junior Red Hawks badminton team is sending 11 players to the Kawartha Championship after the Kawartha Qualifier on April 9 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

They were led by first place finishes for boys' singles player, Noah Dollo, and boys' doubles team, Jaydon Wood and Joel Fedeski.

Mixed doubles pair Hannah Klose and Caleb Schmidt finished in second place.

Third place finishes came from girls' doubles pair of Brynn Meyers and Tori Hawley, boys' singles player Chris Thompson.

Girls' singles player Mikayla Stinson and girls' doubles team Jamie Little and Kenndal Marsden rounded out the HHSS qualifiers.

The field included close to 100 players, who

competed in five categories from Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School, Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute, Brock High School, I.E. Welton Secondary School, Norwood District High School, Fenelon Falls Secondary School and Lakefield.

The top four of each category advanced from the Kawartha West tournament in Haliburton last week.

Senior Hawks

Two badminton teams advanced to the Kawartha championship, over coming a strong Kawartha qualifier field of players in Peterborough last week.

The boys' doubles team of Tanner Hamilton and Curtis Ballantyne finished first while teammates Connor Marsden and Erin Little finished third in girls' doubles.

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Photo left, Red Hawks junior mixed doubles player Caleb Schmidt returns a shot at the badminton Kawartha Qualifier tournament on Thursday at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Schmidt's partner is Hannah Klose.



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Red Hawks junior doubles player Kenndal Marsden looks, as teammate Jamie Little returns a shot at the badminton Kawartha Qualifier tournament on Thursday at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.



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J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Jaguars player Alicia Villamere goes to the floor, attempting to save the ball from going out of bounds during the Intermediate Girls Zone Basketball Tournament on Tuesday, April. 8 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Darren Lum

Intermediate Jaguars miss county berth

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Jaguars intermediate girls basketball team finished third at the Intermediate Girls Zone Basketball Tournament on Tuesday at Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) in Minden.

The Jaguars placing was solidified by a strong winning performance against host ASES in the last game of the day.

The Langton Lazars (3-0) finished first while Bobcaygeon (2-1) finished second.

Both advanced to the Trillium Lake-lands District School Board County Championship.

The Jaguars missed a county berth with the Bobcaygeon 26-22 loss.



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J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Jaguars player Natalya Gimon drives to the basket.

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Three youth teams representing J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and the Haliburton Curling Club competed in the 27th annual Timbits Ontario Provincial Elementary School Curling Championship in Gravenhurst last week, with our veteran youth team finishing fourth out of 68 teams. The four-day provincial championship was from Wednesday, April 2 to Sunday, April 6.

The Timbits Provincial Elementary School Curling Championship is a unique opportunity for elementary school students to participate in a provincial championship. This year there were 68 teams from elementary schools across Ontario competing for gold. This year the veteran Haliburton youth curling team with skip Chris Draper, vice Dustin DeBruin-McCready, second Brian Wheeler, and lead Brayden Warburton finished fourth overall. The Draper team won three out of their four games in the pre-playoff pool, and were the only Haliburton team to secure a spot in the playoff round. They proceeded to win their next two games putting them into the semi-finals. With excellent play and tight games, the Draper team lost their next two games finishing the Provincial Curling Championship with an impressive fourth place finish.

The second team representing JDH and Haliburton Curling Club was skip Emily Parish, vice Emma Casey, second Holly Parish and leads Mackenzie Tidy and Ania Smolen. This team of experienced and new players did exceptionally well in the pre-playoff round winning three of their four games. Unfortunately they were not able to secure a spot in the playoff round.

The third curling team that participated in the Provincial Curling Championships was skip Jessica Byers, vice Jonah Aldom, second Lena Haase, and lead Micah Aldom. This was the first time that all of these young curlers competed at this level and it was only

their second bonspiel in their young curling careers. Despite that, this novice team did well and learned a lot for next year with one win and three losses.

As a parent, new to the sport of curling, the calibre of the competition and the healthy values promoted at such a competitive event was heart-warming and enlightening. Personally, I have been involved in competitive sports all of my life both as an athlete and as a coach and never have I been exposed to such a positive, fun, competitive atmosphere where competition merged with players calling all of the shots, where camaraderie with the opposing team was promoted, and fun was the focus.

First, no coaches were allowed on the ice. All of the games were executed by the players. It was an incredible experience watching young people from the ages of 10-14 to be in total control over their game, and the calibre of play was professional. Second, after every game, the curlers congratulated each other and then sat down together to share a snack and get to know one another. Finally, the smiles. There were smiles everywhere because, despite the incredible competitiveness of the bonspiel, everyone was having fun and making new friends.

Congratulations to the Draper team! I look forward to reading of your curling successes as you advance to the bantam age. Congratulations to the Parish and Byers teams. I look forward to watching your games improve and mature. Congratulations to all of the coaches at the Haliburton Curling Club who volunteer their time and have clearly shown these curlers how to play this game with finesse and who have worked to instill the strong values of sportsmanship, teamwork and the love of the game. Good curling everyone!

Submitted by Cynthia Mitchell



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The JDHES curling team of Brian Wheeler, left, Chris Draper, Dustin McCready-DeBruin, Brayden Warburton, who were coached by Ron Draper, finished fourth.



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The JDHES curling team of MacKenzie Tidey, Holly Parish, Emma Casey, Ania Smolen and Emily Parish, who were coached by Hugh Nichol and Terry Lawrence, finished with three wins and one loss.



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The JDHES curling team of Johan Aldom, left, Lena Haase, Jessica Byers and Micah Aldom, who were coached by Bob MacNaull, finished with one win and three losses.

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Ice technician John Watson is greatly appreciated and is regarded at the club as the "best" in Ontario.

Currently the club is in the middle of its membership drive.

For information see www.haliburtoncurling-club.com.



The Monday Night Competitive League winners Greg Scheffee, left, Bob Johnson, skip, Bob MacNaull, and Andy Gruppe. Submitted by Haliburton Curling Club.



The Tuesday Day Ladies' winter draw winners Edith St. Milaire, left, Lauren Hunter, Lynn Bartlett and Sue Mason, skip. Submitted by Haliburton Curling Club.



The Wednesday Night Mixed League winners Bill James, left, Wendy Miller, Darryl O'Neil, Brigitte Bassie and Case Bassie, skip. Submitted by Haliburton Curling Club.



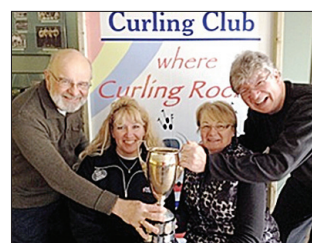
The Wednesday Night Mixed League B winners Sandra Duchemin, skip, left, Dan Crawford, Lynn Bartlett, spare, and Dick Duchemin. Lauren Hunter was absent for the photo. Submitted by Haliburton Curling Club



The Thursday Night Men's League winners Bob Johnson, skip, left, Mitch Stephen, Dave Ablett and Terry Lawrence. Submitted by Haliburton Curling Club.



The winners of the Friday morning Men's League Joe Sheridan, left, David Gray, Don Popple and Bill Woodley. Submitted by Haliburton Curling Club.



The Mixed League Monday night winners Keith Clarkson, left, Wanda Ruddy, Lesley Milford and Kent Milford, skip, are winners of the Millenium Cup. The team's spare, Helen Baker, was absent for the photo. Submitted by Haliburton Curling Club

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A snapshot of Canoe FM's summer events

➤ Auction, country hoedown, radiothon all to raise funds for radio station

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We are excited to give you a snapshot of our upcoming summer fundraising events.

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David Risk and one of his feathered friends work on study sketches of the painting for Canoe FM's sixth annual radiothon.
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Artists will be available to discuss their works and answer any questions.

This exhibition is a student-based initiative featuring a variety of media showcasing the talents of our winter semester students.

Some of the media represented include painting, drawing, jewelry, glass blowing, digital design and mixed media.

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A fine crowd assembled at the LWMC on Saturday April 12 to celebrate Kenneth Sanderson's 90th birthday. Ken and his wife Nadeen were delighted that their family including several grandchildren were able to be with them, helping to host and enjoy the party.

Though Ken is the only surviving member of his family of two sisters and six brothers, he was pleased to welcome many members of their families. What fun it was to see so many nieces and nephews and other relatives enjoying time with Ken and each other.

Having lived and worked here for most of his life from childhood Ken had many friends also come with best wishes.

Reeve Dave Burton brought greetings and best wishes from the Municipality of Highlands East. Certificates were received from various government leaders with MPP Laurie Scott arriving in time for photos with Ken and Nadeen.

It was a fine afternoon with plenty of visiting and enjoying delicious refreshments.

Ken cut the special cake and Happy Birthday was sung. Ken is probably still enjoying the memory of messages of best wishes for continued good health and happiness expressed personally and in the many cards received.

At an earlier gathering last week at the Harcourt Chapel there was another gathering of the community. On Wednesday, April 9 the family and friends of Gladys McNeely gathered there to remember her and celebrate her long life. In her 94th year Gladys had died peacefully on

Sunday, April 6 after a brief time at the hospital in Haliburton. Mr. Charles Hughes led the funeral service.

Gladys and her late husband Lloyd were lifetime residents of this area. She was a down to earth, hard working woman, a pleasant and good neighbour. She has been able to reside in her own home with generous help in recent times from daughter Sylvia.

Sympathy is extended to Sylvia (Tom Hall), her grandchildren and great grandchildren, her sisters Mary and Elsie as well as to other relatives and friends. She was predeceased by son Gilbert.

Interment will be at the Wilberforce cemetery later this spring. Rest in peace old neighbour.

More sad news. Alice Poulin died at the hospital in Haliburton on April 5. She and her husband Viateur "Vic" would have celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on April 6.

Alice and Vic were cottagers on Esson Lake, then permanent residents in retirement here in Wilberforce. They enjoyed their comfortable apartment and the friendship of other residents at Maple View for a number of years.

Sympathy is extended to Vic and their relatives and friends. At a later time ashes will be interred in Burlington.

Worshippers are welcome at services in local churches during this Holy Week, from solemn ones on Good Friday to the resurrection joyful ones on Easter Sunday.

Of a more secular nature do also enjoy Maple Fest at the LWMC this Saturday. There will pancakes and sausages with maple syrup from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call it breakfast or lunch. Bring the family.

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Resume and covering letter should be submitted electronically to Evelyn Fenwick, Director of Human Resources, efenwick@county.haliburton.on.ca, by April 27, 2014. Your covering letter should include the reasons why you want to work in the Haliburton Highlands.

We thank you for your application, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The County of Haliburton is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.

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Legion br. 129

Dave Allen PRO
Haliburton Legion

Weekly Activities
Wednesdays:
Bid Euchre 1 pm start
Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 Jackpot
\$1,000 jackpot - Last Wednesday of the month
Thursdays:
General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm
All members urged to attend
Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays:

Meat Draw Five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., Last draw at 6:30 p.m., Tickets are \$2 per draw Chester Howse, MC

Saturdays:
50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are \$1 each from noon onwards

Sundays:
Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month - 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$6 per person

Upcoming Events: Live entertainment featuring Gord Kidd and Friends along with special guest Trina West. Enjoy homemade cabbage rolls prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary for only \$5 - Saturday, April 19, 4 to 7 p.m. No cover.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, call the Legion today for more information 705 457 2571

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Legion br. 624

Jan Simon PRO
Wilberforce Legion

Weekly - April 14 to 20

Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m.
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m.
Friday Pool 1:30 p.m.
Spaghetti Dinner 5 to 7 p.m.

Jam Session 7 p.m.

Come to play or listen to great music

Saturday Meat Draw 2 to 5 p.m.

Sunday Happy Easter

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 27 the branch will be holding its Ladies Auxiliary Appreciation Dinner to honour the efforts of our Ladies who give so much of their time in so many ways to support Branch 624, Douglas C. Hatch, Wilberforce. Those who wish to come out to show their appreciation of the efforts are welcome to join us for the dinner at 4 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the bar \$12 per person. Everyone welcome!

Notices



County of Haliburton REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

The County of Haliburton will be accepting quotes to provide the following materials and/or services:

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- 2014-03 Guide Posts
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- 2014-15B Winter Sand - Highland Grove Yard

Quotes are to be submitted on quotation forms provided by the County and received no later than **2:00pm, Monday, April 28th, 2014.**

For further information or forms, please contact:

Angie Horner, Administrative Assistant
County of Haliburton, Public Works Dept.
13 St. Germaine Street, P.O. Box 399
Minden, ON, K0M 2K0

Tel: 705-286-1762 Fax: 705-286-1884
E-mail: ahorner@county.haliburton.on.ca



Annual General Meeting

Point in Time
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Annual General Meeting
on Tuesday, June 10, 2014
at 7:00 p.m. at the
Haliburton Curling Club
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Services at the West Guilford Baptist Church on Good Friday and Easter Sunday are at 10:30 a.m., not as noted last week.

On March 30, W.G. Baptist Church hosted a birthday part for Roy Carter, complete with singing and special cake and all. Mr. Carter had been pastor for a year for this congregation

and filled in on many occasions when needed, so the people were pleased to honour him for this dedication. Several family members were also able to attend the party.

Belated recognition to two other G.P.'s (Guilford Persons) for roles in *You Can't Take it With You*, namely David Zilstra as Paul Sycamore and Shawn Hagerman as Wilbur Henderson. In the excitement of welcoming Andy home I was late for the Friday night performance and omitted taking a program. Should anyone else from this locale whom I have not known need to be mentioned, feel free to let me know. Amy Brohm with Karen Sirianni did a super job on costumes!

John Glenn of Coleman Lake has been in touch about family visits, his family being Greg and Cindy. There are five grandchildren: Kevin, Karen, Grayson, Michael and Jeremy, and six great-grandchildren, the latest from Karen whose little girl was born last October. Her name combined both great-grandparents' names – Jacklyn Muriel. The latter would have been as proud as John is!

Welcome to the neighbourhood, Irv and Cynthia Handler, now owners of what had been John Pugh's property on Pine Lake.

Welcome home to Bev Sisson who has been with her sister, Jackie (Mawley) Roberts and husband Don and children Courtney and Shelby, in Zama City, which, though farther north and west, enjoyed better weather than we did!

Euchre scored for April 8:
High – Liz Jesseman and Perry Morrison
Low – Lorraine Draper and Neil Moore
Most Lone Hands – Kay Morrison and Robert McIvor

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HOLY WEEK 2014

St. Anthony of Padua Mission, 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Cathedral of Saint Columbkille, Pembroke
Chrism Mass 10:30 am

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday (Evening of the Lord's Supper)
April 17 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY

(Universal day of fasting and abstinence)
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
April 18 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY

First Mass of Easter
April 19 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass of Easter
Bancroft 9:00 am

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS!

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
Holy Thursday 6:00pm - 6:45 pm
Good Friday - Following the 3:00 pm Liturgy

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2014

PASSION SUNDAY – April 13th

Mass of the Solemn Entrance of Jesus to Jerusalem:

Blessing of the Palms and Reading of the Passion

9:00 A.M. ST. PATRICK'S

10:30 A.M. OUR LADY OF FATIMA

HOLY MONDAY – April 14th CHRISM MASS

7:00 P.M. Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains – Peterborough

HOLY TUESDAY – April 15th

6:30 P.M. OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

HOLY WEDNESDAY April 16th

6:30 P.M. ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

HOLY THURSDAY – April 17th

Mass of the Last Supper with Washing of the Feet

5:00 P.M. ST. PATRICK'S

7:00 P.M. OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Both Masses will be followed by a Vigil of the Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY – April 18th

Reading of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross

3:00 P.M. OUR LADY OF FATIMA

5:00 P.M. ST. PATRICK'S

HOLY SATURDAY – April 19th

Easter Vigil with Blessing of the New Fire,

Water and Renewal of Baptismal Promises

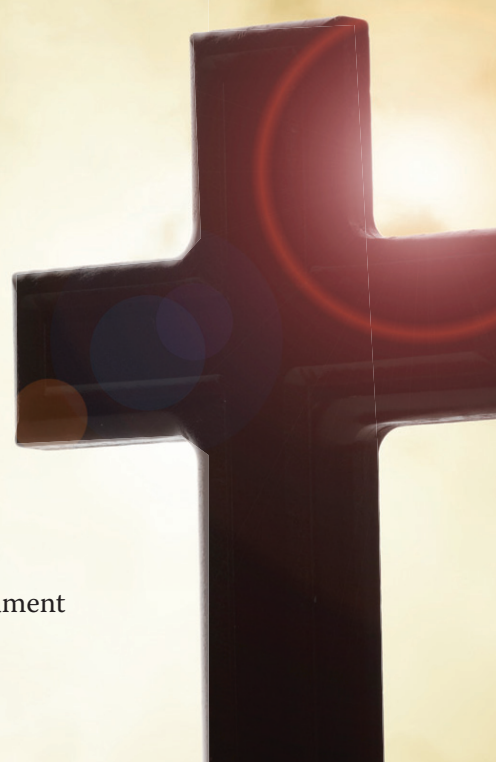
7:00 P.M. OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY – April 20th

Mass of the Resurrection

9:00 A.M. ST. PATRICK'S

10:30 A.M. OUR LADY OF FATIMA



St. Patrick's Church
Kinmount



Our Lady of Fatima
Minden



*Holy Week
In the Anglican
Parish of Haliburton*

April 13

Palm Sunday

9:30 am – St. George's, Haliburton

11:15 am – St. Margaret's, Wilberforce

April 14

Monday in Holy Week

1:00 am – St. George's

April 17

Maudy Thursday

7:30 pm – St. George's

April 18

Good Friday

10:30 am – St. George's

2:00 pm – St. Margaret's

April 20 – Easter

The Day of Resurrection

8:00 and 9:30 am – St. George's

11:15 am – St. Margaret's

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at all services except Good Friday



Haliburton Echo Classifieds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upton, Sharon

*Time speeds on, 26 years have passed
since death its gloom, its shadow cast
Within our home where all seemed bright,
and took from us a shining light.
We miss the light, and ever will,
Her vacant place there's none to fill.
Down here we mourn, but not in vain,
For up in Heaven we will meet again.*

*Sadly missed by
Karl, Bernie, Donnalee
and Families*

In Memory of

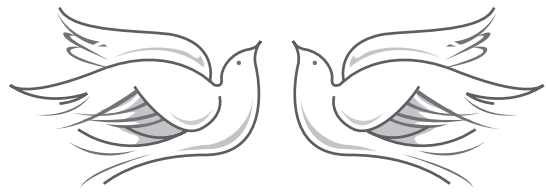
Sue Currie (Penhale)

She was taken from us on April 8th, 2006 after a long illness of cancer. She was a very strong, kind, young lady liked by all. Sue is missed and remembered by her mother, sisters, brothers, children, husband and friends. She was a great comfort to us. In our times of need and we tried to comfort her As Sue said "It can't last forever and I will always be with you."

~ Love Mom, Family & Friends

In Memory of Vic Stewart June 13, 1937 - April 17, 2007

*Our Life together
was special.
It ended too soon.
I miss you.
Carol*



Celebrating Len Crawford's 90th Birthday!



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Collens (Suter), Jean Elizabeth (Bessie) nee McBride

Oct.15, 1923 – April 2, 2014

Passed away peacefully with her family by her side at Grand River Hospital, Kitchener. Beloved wife of Dennis Martin Suter (deceased) for 33 years, Reg Collens (deceased) for 26 years. Loving mother of Barbara Bain (Ray) and Linda Kay (John). Sister of Laura Rolfe. Loving Step Mother of Pat Manuel (Al), Judy Lemke, and Skip Collens. Cherished Grandmother of 10, Great Grandmother of 14, Great, Great Grandmother of 1. A family Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.



Lily May Chaulk

November 23, 1921 – April 12, 2013

*Within the garden of our hearts
Where flowers of love grow,
There are blossoms of remembrance
And Forget-Me-Knots so blue.
Flowers that will always bloom
No matter what the weather,
Your children will always remember
The times we've spent together.*

*Love you Mom,
Your Children, Grandchildren and
great Grandchildren*



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Gladys McNeely

(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario)



Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Sunday morning, April 6, 2014 in her 94th year. Beloved wife of the late Lloyd McNeely. Loving mother of Sylvia (John Hill) of Wilberforce. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Val, Melissa, Lorne, Gary, Brian, Ed and Gail and by her great grandchildren William, Ryeanna, Allen, David, Burt and Christine. Dear sister of Mary and Elsie. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her son Gilbert. Gladys enjoyed baking and making bread. She volunteered at the Red Cross Hospital at Wilberforce and was faithful member of Harcourt Community Chapel.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HARCOURT COMMUNITY CHAPEL 1054 Old Harcourt Road, Harcourt, Ontario on Wednesday morning, April 9, 2014 from 10 until time of Funeral Service at 11 o'clock. Interment later South Wilberforce Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to Harcourt Community Chapel would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

In Loving Memory of William Edward Albert Peacock

Passed away peacefully at Highland Wood LTC, Haliburton on Saturday, April 12, 2014. In his 89th year.

He is survived by his wife Madeline (Madill). Dear father of Marilyn Wagg (Doug) and Murray Peacock (Diane) (deceased). Grandfather to Steven Wagg (Patricia), Ron Wagg (Kelly), Michael Peacock (Natalie), Aaron Peacock, Jordan Peacock and great grandfather to Kaela, Lucas, Bronwyn, Adele and Melissa Wagg. Bill is predeceased by his sisters Bessie, Lizzie, Margaret and Alice and by his brothers Robert and Richard. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Wednesday from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm. A Service to Celebrate Bill's Life will be held in the Chapel at the Funeral Home on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre. Spring Interment Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of

Robert Norman Thompson

Bob passed away peacefully at home on Monday, April 7, 2014. In his 89th year.

Beloved husband of Lyn. Dear father of "Buzz" (Lynn) of Haliburton, Douglas (Jacqueline) of Ottawa, Scott (Margaret) of Tottenham, Karen (Dan) of Haliburton and Rossland, B.C., Craig (Maggie) of Toronto, Vicky (Paul) of Burlington. Loving grandpa of Kyle, Chianne, Chantal, Stefen, Ashley, Bradley, Dale, Todd, Marcus, Matthew, Jessie and Evan. Predeceased by his brothers Rod and Dick. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service of Celebrate his Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Room at the church. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton United Church or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the 4 C's would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P. O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of

Alice Lilianne Poulin

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, April 5, 2014, with her loving husband at her side, at the age of 83.

Alice L. Pepin and Viateur L. "Vic" Poulin were married on April 6, 1948 and Alice passed away one day before their 66th wedding anniversary. Predeceased by her loving children; Diane, Joseph, Jules, Louise and Bernard. Beloved daughter of the late Henri Pepin and

Ernestine Plante. Alice was one of 18 children and is survived by her sisters Lucille and Denise and by her brother Rene. She also fondly remembered by her nieces Carole, Guislaine, Patricia, Yvonne, Diane, Suzanne, by her nephews Armand, Raymond, Roger, and also by many more nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Alice has been cremated in accordance to her wishes. Interment will take place at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington at a later date. Private family arrangements.

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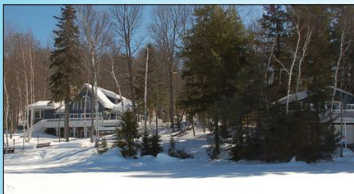


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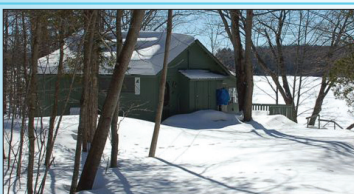
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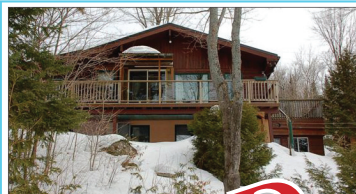
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1000 Feet of Shoreline & 5.7 Acres. 3BR Cottage. 1 Room Cabin. Privacy. Beautiful rare property.



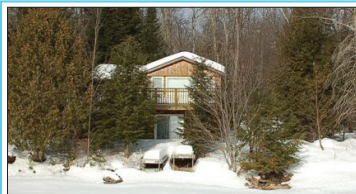
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3 season 2BR on pretty lot w/clean sand & rock shoreline. Cute 2BR Bunkie. South exposure.



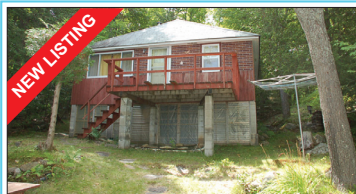
BLUEHAWK LAKE \$333,000

3BR cottage on a beautiful lot. Cathedral ceiling, sun room, master w/balcony. W/o basement. Pride of ownership evident!



HALIBURTON LAKE \$329,000

3BR cottage on pretty treed lot with big lake view. LR w/woodstove. Block foundation. 4 season potential!



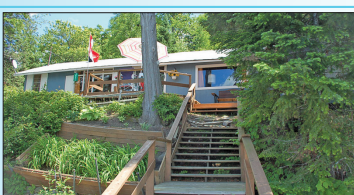
DRAG LAKE \$325,000

Traditional 3BR-3 season cottage. Good 1 ac lot, beautiful view. Sand/rock shoreline. Great opportunity for this lake!



GREEN LAKE \$299,000

Yr rnd cottage or home on water's edge, sand beach. Good privacy. Full w/o basement. 3 Lake Chain.



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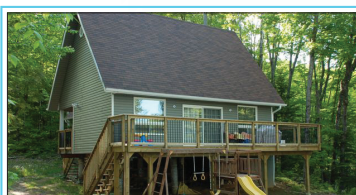
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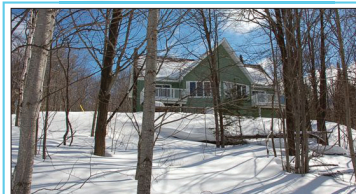
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